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HOUSE RESOLUTION 2005

A RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF MARINE LANCE CORPORAL JOHN JOSHUA THORNTON.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Marine Lance Corporal John Joshua Thornton of Phoenix, Arizona was
2 killed in Iraq in the line of duty on February 25, 2006 at the age of
3 twenty-two.

4 Born on November 19, 1983, John Joshua Thornton attended Tolleson Union
5 High School where he was active in the JROTC and as a member of the school's
6 rifle team. Interested in the martial arts since he was a child, he earned
7 his second degree black belt as a young adult and also served as an
8 instructor in self-defense for students at Fowler Elementary School. He
9 graduated from high school in May 2002.

10 On November 1, 2004, John Joshua Thornton fulfilled a dream when he
11 joined the United States Marine Corps. He completed basic training in San
12 Diego in January 2005 and was stationed at Camp Pendleton and then
13 Twenty-nine Palms. He was deployed to Iraq on September 5, 2005, and he
14 served with the 3/7 Kilo Company. It was in this capacity that John Joshua
15 Thornton was tragically killed in action during a mortar attack in Balad,
16 Iraq.

17 It is important and fitting that we commemorate the contributions of
18 our citizens who bravely serve this nation and the profound sacrifice of
19 those who offer their lives in our service. The courageous life and ultimate
20 sacrifice of Lance Corporal Thornton take a rightful place among the other
21 true heroes of our great nation.

22 Therefore

23 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona:

24 That the Members of the House of Representatives express regret at the
25 tragic passing of Marine Lance Corporal John Joshua Thornton and express
26 their deepest sympathies to his mother, Rachel, brother, Kyle, sister,
27 Brianna, and other surviving family members.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE MAY 11, 2006.

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